Coffee Research Station in Andhra Pradesh and extension support is provided from the coffee demonstration farm at Koraput. Other technical expertise and support like supply of high yielding seed material etc. is provided from its extension office at Vizag and Head Office at Bangalore.

In respect of tea, the Tea Board is extending financial support by way of long term loan and capital subsidy to encourage setting up of new plantation. The current rates of assistance are Rs. 63,200 per ha. as loan of Rs. 37,900 per ha. as subsidy. For making available good planting material to small growers, Tea Board also extends grant is aid to the state Governmental nodal agencies for raising nurseries.

(c) and (d) Educated unemployed Scheduled caste/Scheduled tribes youths can_ avail of assistance extended by Tea Board and Coffee Board earmarked under SCP/TSP. Coffee Board has formulated a special package for tribal growers of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa and has proposed an allocation of Rs. 24.08 crore under 9th Plan. Assistance to these sections is extended as both Development loans and subsidy as well as funds for financing training requirements. During the IX plan period, it is envisaged to expand coffee to an extent of 2500 ha. in the tribal districts of Orissa for the benefit of Scheduled caste/ tribe sector by providing 50% cultivation cost as one time grant.

Dismal rate of growth in Export

4029. SHRI OP. KOHLI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of growth of our exports during the current year has been dismal which is causing serious concern in so far as on balance of trade is concerned;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to showing down on implementation of WTO norms to accelerate the rate of exports; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) As per the latest DGCI&S data available for April-March 1996-97 (Provisional) exports in dollar terms increased by 4 01% over the level of the previous year; imports in dollar terms during April-March, 1996-97 increased by 5.99% over the previous year. Trade deficit in dollar terms for April-March, 1996-97 increased by 19.9% over the level for the same period of previous year.

(b) and (c) The membership of WTO and fulfilment of obligation under the covered agreement are not expected to result in slowing down of exports.

निर्यात तथा आयात की समय-समय पर समीक्षा

4030. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :** क्या वाणीज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा गत वर्षों के दौरान देश में आयात की जाने वाली और देश से निर्यात की जाने वाली वस्तुओं की समय-समय पर कोई समीक्षा की गई है

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान देश से निर्यात की जाने वाली और देश में आयात की जाने वाली किन-किन वस्तुओं में वृद्धि अथवा कमी हुई है; और

(ग) प्रति वर्ष आयातित और निर्यातित वस्तुओं के मध्य परस्पर अन्तर का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बोल्ला बुल्ली रमैया) : (क) महोदय, पण्य व्यापार निष्पादन पर निगरानी रखना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है

(ग) डी जी सी आई एण्ड एस आंकड़ों के आधार पर गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान विस्तृत वस्तुसमूह वार आयात तथा निर्यातों में हुई वृद्धि अथवा कमी को दर्शाने वाला विवरण पत्र संलग्न है (नीचे देखिए) 1 फरवरी, 1997 वह नवीनतम अवधि जिसके लिए डी जी सी आई एण्ड एस आंकड़े प्रकाशित किए गए हैं, के संबंध में मद-वार ब्यौरे "फारेन ट्रेड स्टेटिस्टिक्स ऑफ इंडिया (प्रिंसिपल कमिडिटी एण्ड कन्ट्रीज) फरवरी 1997" में